

10/579045

Attorney's Docket No. 1017753-000221

10 MAY 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of ) MAIL STOP PCT  
)  
Pierre TCHORELOFF et al. ) Group Art Unit:  
)  
Application No.: ) Examiner:  
)  
Filed: ) Confirmation No.:  
)  
For: LOW-DOSE TABLETS HAVING A )  
NETWORK OF POLYMERS )  
)  
National Phase of International Application No. )  
PCT/FR2004/002890 )  
Int'l Filing Date: November 10, 2004 )  
Earliest Priority Date: November 10, 2003 )

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants are submitting a Form PTO-1449 listing documents for consideration by the Examiner. These documents were cited in the International Search Report (provided herewith in English and attached to the copy of WO 2005/046647 A1) and in the specification. Also enclosed is an English-language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

This statement, Form PTO-1449 and accompanying documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

10/579045

**FIRST** Information Disclosure Statement

Application No.

Attorney's Docket No. 1017753-000221

Page 2

APZ060570/PTO 10 MAY 2006

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider this statement and that an Examiner-initialed copy of the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PC

Date May 10, 2006

By: Mary Katherine Baumeister  
Mary Katherine Baumeister  
Registration No. 26,254

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

**Buchanan Ingersoll PC**  
ATTORNEYS

Including attorneys from Burns Doane Swecker & Mathis

|   |   |    |                          |                          |                |
|---|---|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO & 1449B/PTO   |   |    | <b>Complete if Known</b> |                          |                |
| <b>FIRST<br/>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE<br/>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b><br><br>(use as many sheets as necessary) |   |    | Application Number       | 10/579045                |                |
|   |   |    | Filing Date              |                          |                |
|   |   |    | First Named Inventor     | Pierre TCHORELOFF et al. |                |
|   |   |    | Examiner Name            |                          |                |
| Sheet   | 1 | of | 1                        | Attorney Docket Number   | 1017753-000221 |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Examiner Initials     | Document Number | Kind Code (if known) | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY) |
|                       | 5,783,215       | A                    | ARWIDSSON et al.                                | 07-21-1998                          |
|                       | 6,077,533       | A                    | OSHLACK et al.                                  | 06-20-2000                          |
|                       | 2003/0017210    | A1                   | DEBREGEAS et al.                                | 01-23-2003                          |
|                       | 6,416,786       | B1                   | MULYE et al.                                    | 07-09-2002                          |
|                       | 5,607,697       | A                    | ALKIRE et al.                                   | 03-04-1997                          |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |
|                       |                 |                      |   |                                     |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------|--|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------|----------|------------------|
| Examiner<br>Initials     | Document<br>Number | Kind Code<br>(if known) | Country | Date of<br>Publication<br>(MM-DD-YYYY) | STATUS      |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  | Translation | Partial<br>Translation | Eng. Lang.<br>Summary | Search<br>Report | IPER | Abstract | Cited in<br>Spec |
|                          | 0 361 874          | A2                      | EP      | 04-04-90                               |             |                        |                       | X                |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |
|                          |                    |                         |         |  |             |                        |                       |                  |      |          |                  |

| NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Examiner Initials               | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. |
|                                 |   |
|                                 |   |
|                                 |   |
|                                 |   |
|                                 |   |

|                    |  |                 |  |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature |  | Date Considered |  |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.